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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Jefferson City- Colonel Jerry Adams recently announced the continuation of the very successful internship program provided by the Missouri State Water Patrol. As in the past, Lake of the Ozarks will continue to offer the exposure and activity level normally seen by previous intern programs for two of the selected interns; however, this year, the opportunity to work two additional area lakes has been added. Table Rock Lake and Stockton Lake will both receive two interns giving the program and the students a more diverse setting for their law enforcement learning experience. Reallocating intern resources to other lakes of the state will have minimal affect on the level of enforcement that has been established at Lake of the Ozarks.

Interns attend three weekend training classes prior to becoming a Marine Safety Specialist with classes including, but not limited to, CPR/first aid, watercraft law, survival swimming, and public relations. Once assigned to a district, the interns are given boat operation instruction and an orientation of the lake.

Interns have no enforcement authority. They do, however, perform a number of duties during the summer program that not only exposes them to law enforcement on the state waterways, but also allows uniform officers to concentrate more on enforcement. The interns provide assistance to the public and the Water Patrol Officers by responding to nonviolent complaint calls, towing stranded boaters, helping with boating-while-intoxicated checkpoints, disseminating boating safety literature, conducting boat safety inspections, and assisting with accident and body recovery operations.

This program is offered to colleges and universities that have a four-year accredited Criminal Justice Program. The Missouri State Water Patrol forwards information about the program every Fall to the qualifying institutions. Coordinating the dissemination of information to students interested in the paid internship program is then up to the Criminal Justice Program.

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